

MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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“NATIONAL WEIGHTS AND MEASURES WEEK, MARCH 5-11, 2006”

National Weights and Measures Week is being observed during the week of March 5-11 by State and local jurisdictions throughout the United States. This is the recognition of the first Weights and Measure law, passed by the United States Congress on March 2, 1799.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures has chosen the theme for the County’s observance: **“Weights and Measures: Ensuring an Environment of Equitable Commerce.”** This issue has special significance to every consumer, in Los Angeles County, purchasing any commodity over a scale.

The Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Department routinely conducts undercover inspections at retail facilities. These inspections have uncovered and corrected problems, fortifying the integrity of the sales process and enhancing consumer awareness.

MOTION

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YAROSLAVSKY	_____
KNABE	_____
ANTONOVICH	_____

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached resolution and proclaim March 5-11, 2006, as “Weights and Measures Week” in the County of Los Angeles, and direct the executive Officer of the Board to forward a signed copy of the resolution to the Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, 207 years ago, on March 2, 1799, the Congress of the United States enacted the nation's first weights and measures law, citing the necessity for standards of weights and measures, the need for weights and measures as a public service, and the need for examining and trying weighing and measuring devices; and

WHEREAS, the words of John Quincy Adams to the U.S. Senate in 1821 still hold true today, that "Weights and measures may be ranked among the necessities of life to every individual of human society. They enter into the economical arrangements and daily concerns of every family. They are necessary to every occupation of human industry;"

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles has recognized those needs in establishing the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures, which has consistently functioned for the public good; and

WHEREAS, the Department provides a program for systematic inspection of all weighing and measuring apparatus used in trade throughout the County, assuring the public that the devices used have been officially inspected and found to be correct; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature of the State of California demonstrated recent support for the work of county sealers throughout the State by authorizing increased funding of weights and measures inspection programs in chaptering Assembly Bill 889 (Ruskin): and

WHEREAS, March 5 through 11 will be observed as Weights and Measures Week throughout the United States: and,

WHEREAS, the theme **"Weights and Measures: Ensuring an Environment of Equitable Commerce"** serves to remind County residents of the key role that the County Sealer plays in ensuring fair competition and consumer confidence in the marketplace:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, in special recognition of the work performed by the County Sealer and his staff, does hereby proclaim the week of March 5 through 11 to be known as "Weights and Measures Week" in our County, and urges all to recognize the very valuable contribution to the economic welfare of the communities of this County being made by the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures.